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AND ITS TO PRODUCE POLYHYDROXYBUTYRATE

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 14, 2005, please consider the following remarks and arguments. Applicants enclose herewith 1) a two (2) month extension of time, up to and including August 14, 2005; 2) a Declaration of Biological Deposit, including a Receipt issued by the ATCC; and 3) the required fee. If any other fee is required in connection with this communication or any overpayment has been made, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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